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SUBJECT: GOJ REACTION TO TENG'S RETURN

1. SUMMARY: GOJ REACTION TO TENG HSIAO-PING'S RETURN IS
GENERALLY FAVORABLE AND FONOFF CHINA DIVISION IS ADVOCATING
GOJ RESTART NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE ON PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP
TREATY (PFT). HOWEVER, NUMBER OF FACTORS CONTINUE TO
SUGGEST GOJ WILL MOVE CAUTIOUSLY. END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF CHINA DIVISION ACTING DEPDIR TARUI STATED JULY 27
THAT GOJ FELT RETURN OF TENG HSIAO-PING TO POLITICAL
PROMINENCE IN CHINA WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON SINO-
JAPANESE RELATIONS IN LONG RUN. TARUI REVEALED THAT CHINA
DIVISION NOW ENGAGED IN STUDY OF PRC-JAPAN RELATIONS FOR
PM FUKUDA, TO BE COMPLETED IN 1-2 MONTHS. TARUI STATED
HIS OFFICE DID NOT THINK IT BEST TO ADOPT ATTITUDE OF
"WAIT-AND-SEE" WITH REGARD TO HOW TENG'S RETURN WOULD
AFFECT PRC'S ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH JAPANESE,
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AND EXPECTED STUDY TO ADVOCATE EARLY RESUMPTION OF
TALKS WITH CHINA ON PFT.

3. IN JULY 26 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, CHINA DIVISION'S
ECONOMIC OFFICER HASHIMOTO STATED THAT WHILE TENG'S
RETURN WAS NOT SEEN AS AFFECTING CHINA'S ALREADY LAID-
OUT ECONOMIC LINE, THERE WAS OPPOSITION IN TOKYO BUSINESS

CIRCLES TO SINO-JAPANESE LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED IN PRINCIPLE IN MARCH. OPPOSITION REJECTED NOT ONLY PURELY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATION BUT CONCERN THAT BETTER TIES WITH SOVIETS MIGHT BE JEOPARDIZED. BOTH HASHIMOTO AND KEIDANREN SOURCE REFUTED JULY 24 MAINICHI STORY REPORTING THAT GOJ HAD ALREADY AGREED TO IMPORT 30 MILLION TONS OF CHINESE OIL AND 5 MILLION TONS OF COAL A YEAR. MITI OFFICIALS HAD CONFIRMED TO HASHIMOTO THAT WHILE THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON A LONG-TERM TRADE PACT WITH THE CHINESE, DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS HAD NOT STARTED YET.

4. COMMENT: WHILE FONOFF CHINA DIVISION SEEMS PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT GOJ BEGIN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON PFT, OTHER FACTORS -- UPCOMING VANCE VISIT TO PRC, CONTINUING FISHERIES TALKS WITH SOVIETS, OPPOSITION TO PFT FROM LDP CONSERVATIVE QUARTERS AND STILL UNCERTAIN CHINESE LEADERSHIP PICTURE -- SUGGEST GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE CAVUTIOUSLY IN ANY IMPROVEMENT OF SINO-JAPANESE POLITICAL RELATIONS.
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